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Religious nuts

The right-wingers are at it again. Planned Parenthood does not sell body parts. As of Aug 4, at least two states have done investigations into the undercover videos and have completely exonerated Planned Parenthood. The videos are obviously a hoax. This is just another effort by the religious nuts to impose their beliefs on others.

By the way, the idea that life begins at conception is a religious belief. To a secular person, the embryo in the first trimester is the size of a raisin, full of cells. Aborted fetuses are sent to research facilities to treat diseases such as Parkinson's. These fetuses would go into the garbage otherwise. There may be costs for transport, but profits are *not* being made.

When other, more progressive nations look at the uproar put forth by religious nuts over this, our nation looks so backward

John Vickrey, Norman,
Oklahoma

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Who's nutty?

This John Vickrey [Letters, Aug. 12] is as bad as the people he disparages. He thinks any person not siding with him is a religious nut. I guess he never went to college and learned that every living organism goes through growth stages from simple to more complex. Well, the size of a raisin for humans beings is a beginning stage, not an ending stage, as he would like it.

This issue is not a religious one. Jesus said nothing of abortion. It's actually an issue of right and wrong — in this case, the thwarting of the potential of a human being. Nobody knows what is built into the DNA of a child in its early stages — certainly not a guy like John Vickrey.

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In response to John Vickrey's letter, the idea that life begins at conception is a religious belief is only partially true. It is a scientific fact that a person's DNA is present at conception.

Also a fact — most treatment of diseases comes from research of adult stem cells rather than embryonic stem cells. Let's wait and see if Planned Parenthood is exonerated from its barbaric practices in Texas.

Evidence from the undercover videos is strong that Planned Parenthood in Houston is deeply involved in the harvesting and selling of fetal tissue.

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